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REPORT TO STATE 4-H CLUB LEADERS  
EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE--PROGRAMS FOR OLDER MEMBERS  
National 4-H Club Camp  
June 19, 1956

Committee Objectives:

1. To suggest program possibilities which will more adequately meet the needs and interests of older members.
2. To consider methods and procedures of working with older members which will help maintain their interest in 4-H Club work.
3. To exchange ideas concerning experiences which have been shown to meet the needs of older members.

Areas of Committee Consideration:

1. Program development
  - a. Group projects or activities
  - b. Individual projects
2. Leadership training needed
3. Methods and procedures.

Recommendations:

1. That individual projects be adapted to group projects whenever applicable and of interest to older members.
2. That the possibility of combining related projects or activities into advanced projects for older members be explored.
3. That States give primary consideration to existing projects and activities to better meet the needs and interests of members.
4. That a score card, or other guide, be prepared for re-appraising existing literature and for evaluating proposed literature.
5. That the program areas for older members suggested in "Toward Broader Horizons" be further developed by establishing a committee to outline definite programs in each area.
6. That the program development committees give special consideration to the needs of older members as it relates to their specific committee.
7. That it would be desirable to employ a person on the Federal Extension staff whose primary responsibility would be in the area of older members' programs.



8. That special consideration be given at county, State, and National levels to leadership training to the end that local leaders may find greater satisfactions in working with older members and may work more effectively with them. A detailed suggested pattern for such training will be included in the printed report of the exploratory committees.
9. That exploration and study be made for the development of an elevation plan of classification of 4-H Club membership.
10. That additional study should be given on techniques and procedures in involving older members in planning local, county, district and State programs and activities.
11. That the Project Criteria Developmental Committee should give study to establishing criteria for re-appraisal of existing projects and for evaluating proposed projects in terms of the developmental needs of club members.
12. That additional study should be made of areas in which older members may attain greater responsibility in leadership roles in the 4-H Club program.
13. That if an exploratory committee on programs for older members is designated to work at the 1957 National 4-H Club Conference, consideration be given to the desirability of centering its attention upon advancing areas of thought presented in this report and which may not be specifically assigned to any development or other committee now existing or which may be approved and established.





